(4) Yes.

(5) There is no rule that the whole amount should be given before the commencement of the work. According to rules the sanctioning authority may disburse the whole loan in a lump before the commencement of the work.

(6) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (5).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When was the amount paid?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—On the 31st of Karkadagam 1108.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the nature of the work executed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—You mean the nature of the work executed after the loan was sanctioned?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There have been two items of work executed after the sanction of the loan. The first item is the consolidating and improving of bunds, levelling Survey Nos. 1775/1 and 2 and 1777/1 and 2 and filling up pits in these fields. The other item is almost identical with the first. Two items have been executed and there remain a few more to be executed during the course of the year.

Requests from Legislative Council Members for appointments.

257. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the members of the present Legislative Council who have made requests either oral or written to the Government or heads of departments for appointments in the State service in 1108 and 1109; if so the posts for which they had applied?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think it would be proper to publish the names of the applications—even if there were any.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, why it would not be proper to publish the names? Is it a disgrace for Hon'ble Members to apply for Government posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not implied that there is disgrace.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then may I know why it is improper?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government think that it is not proper to give out all the names of the applicants. Unless there is a need why should Government divulge all the names of the members who have applied for posts?

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Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When that information is wanted by an Hon'ble Member of this House what is the difficulty in givingout the names ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difficulty is that it is not proper to do it

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When did this idea occur to the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When the answer was prepared.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Government have been supplying this information before.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Do the Government think that it is improper for any Hon'ble Member to apply for Government posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not implied it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It must be so. There must be some reason for not divulging the names. I remember such answers were given before.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On so many occasions.

Mr. E. Ikkania Warriar.—Do the Government think it undesirable for the Hon'ble Members to make use of their privilege as Members of the Legislature to apply for appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These are all matters of high principles and policy and I do not think I will be justified in answering such questions off-hand.

Mr. E. Ikkania Warriar.— Were there applications from Members of the Legislative Council for appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Poverty Certificates—issue of.

258. Mr K Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Panchayat Members are not empowered to issue poverty certificates to poor students in the matter of applications for half-fee concession;

(b) whether there have been instances in which their certificates have not been accepted by educational authorities;

(c) whether the certificate issued by the President incharge of the Edavilangu Panchayat to a poor pupil of the Primary School of Pathinettarayalam was refused to be acted upon by the educational authorities?

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, the reason for the same?

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